



The IMPACT project is moving forward at an exciting pace!

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## IMPACT Validation is in the Spotlight

The IMPACT project is in the **Construction Phase**, and software modifications are being constructed, based on approved designs that allow the product to meet the State's requirements.



Testing took center stage as the IMPACT Test Site officially opened in December, 2008.

## What's the Approach?

Since the test site opened, approximately every 5 weeks a set of product updates (called a "Build") is copied from the vendor development area into the test area. Each Build contains approved software modifications to the application code, plus ever-expanding sets of secured data converted from today's systems into the IMPACT test database.

In a nutshell, trained test resources access the application and data, and execute a planned series of tests to "prove" the integrity of the new product. All tests are managed to documented test specifications that assure breadth and depth of testing. Any defects found in the product are reported back to the developers, who analyze the problem, repair the code, and schedule the fix for retest.



## Where are we today?

Hands-on testing is taking place in the business areas of real & personal property appraisal and assessment, tax billing, OSAP's Ad Valorem data entry, SBOE's Value Appeals application data entry, as well as User Security and System Processing.

The IMPACT project is also planning a test environment upgrade at the beginning of March, so that the system-wide testing scenarios can be executed in a testing area that will most closely match the planned production.

## On the Horizon

IMPACT's staged implementation will begin with OSAP this spring. OSAP is converting their processing from a mainframe and local database situation.

The next update will include additional details about IMPACT testing, test results and the OSAP journey.